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HULL CHOSEN AS MINORITY LEADER

Democratic Members of Illinois
Senate Meet in Very Har-
monious Session.

PARTY SLATE IS PREPARED.

Cook County Senators Who Had
Been Unable to Agree Vote
Unanimously for Down-
State Man.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—Charles E. Hull of Salem was today elected Democratic minority leader of the State Senate by acclamation.

The caucus was held at the St. Nicholas Hotel and was harmonious throughout. Previous to the caucus there had been seven candidates for the honor and efforts to agree on a candidate were futile.

Those present at the conference were Mayor of Chicago, who was absent at the preliminary conference yesterday; Rainey of Chicago, Jandus of Chicago, Powers of Chicago, Sander of Peoria, Hull of Salem, Rees of Springfield, Cunningham of Peoria, Burton of Carlinville, and Kunz of Chicago.

The Cook County members had de-
clared their preference for Hull, and when his name was presented the ten Senators present decided to name him.

Senator Jandus was chairman of the caucus and Senator Cunningham of Peoria was secretary.

THE DEMOCRATIC SLATE.
The slate for other positions to be presented as the minority's choice was:
J. J. Byrne, Chicago, enrolling and en-
closing clerk.
Thomas McKeown, Chicago, first assistant enrolling and enrolling clerk.
A. C. Hulse, Carlinville, sergeant-at-
arms.
John Prim, Salem, first assistant ser-
geant-at-arms.
Louis Combs, Millersburg, second assistant sergeant-at-arms.
Ed M. Taylor, Springfield, janitor.

Miss Nellie Shellbaker, Chicago, stenographer for Democrats.
John Glavin, Springfield, page.
E. Carr, Chicago, secretary of the Senate.
Rudolph Von Achen, Peoria, first assistant secretary of the Senate.
Richard F. Egan, Peoria, policeman.
The following were named as a committee to be recommended to the president of the Senate: G. W. Cunningham, chairman, Frank W. Burton, John Powers, C. R. Jandus and G. B. Sucher.

ASKS IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR THE MERCHANT MARINE.

Commission in Report Urges Con-
gress to Relieve the Already Des-
perate Conditions.

Washington, Jan. 4.—When the House reconvened today after the holiday recess, Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio submitted the report of the Merchant Marine Commission, the minority being given until Friday to submit their views.

In concluding the report the commission urges the need of immediate relief for the American merchant marine, saying:
"If the passage of the legislation proposed today, and the holiday recess, the report of the commission, a condition already desperate, will have become still more desperate. The time to act is now. The commission has prepared a comprehensive and far-reaching program for the relief of the merchant marine, and it is urged that the House should act promptly on the report of the commission."

"With all possible emphasis, therefore, the commission recommends that the bill which will be reported from the commission and introduced into the two Houses of Congress, be taken up promptly, and after reasonable debate, advanced to enactment."

Grand Prize for Apollinaris.
The St. Louis Exposition awarded the Grand Prize to Apollinaris natural mineral water. This well-known water has received the highest award ever exhibited, and lays claim to more awards than any other table water. According to the London Journal of January 29, 1904, Apollinaris is bottled only at the spring and only with its own natural gas. The spring is at Seltzer, Germany. Apollinaris was exhibited in the German Division.

President's Nominations.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The President today sent to the Senate the following nominations:
Chief of the Bureau of Manufactures, J. Hamilton Moore, Pennsylvania, chief of the Bureau of Manufactures, for term of four years.
Chief of the Bureau of Mines, J. H. Johnson, Missouri, for term of four years.
Chief of the Bureau of Forestry, G. W. Johnston, Missouri, for term of four years.
Chief of the Bureau of Fish and Fisheries, J. H. Johnston, Missouri, for term of four years.
Chief of the Bureau of Geology, J. H. Johnston, Missouri, for term of four years.

ORGANIZATION IS IN FULL CONTROL

First Session of Illinois Senate
Sees Caucus Selections Beated
With Little Ceremony.

UNION LABOR MEN ATTEND.

One Hundred Come From Decatur
to See Senator Henson
Take Oath—Inauguration
Committee Appointed.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—The first session of the Senate was characteristically short and sweet. There was no hitch in the plans of the organization, which is controlled by Senator Dan Campbell, with the exception that Chief Justice Ricks was delayed by the train and was not among those present at noon. Consequently the opening of the Senate was delayed for an hour.

A feature of the session was the presence of 100 union labor men from Decatur who came over on a special car to see the formal induction into office of Senator James A. Henson of the Twenty-eighth District.
Senator Henson is a member of the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union in Decatur and the delegation brought with them a huge floral emblem, which was on the Senator's desk, while they occupied seats in the gallery.

Lieutenant Governor Northcott called the Senate to order at 12:30 o'clock and prayer was offered by the Reverend A. C. Woodcock of El Paso. The roll call disclosed that one Senator was absent, George D. Chaffee of Shelbyville. Chief Justice Ricks administered the oath of office to the new Senators.

VOTE IS FORTHY TO TEN.
There was little ceremony about the selection of the officers which the Republican caucus had named, and they were chosen after the Democratic substitutes offered by Senator Powers had been voted down—90 to 10.
The same vote Senator Leon A. Townsend of Galena was made the President Pro Tem of the Senate, and Senator Curtis, Dunlap and Burton were named as a committee to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business, and following their visit to the office of the Executive, Secretary Tupper presented the annual message to the Senate. The reading was dispensed with and 4,000 copies ordered printed.

On the part of the Senate three Senators were named as members of a joint committee from both Houses to arrange for the inauguration. They are Senators Dix, Hamilton and Rees, and the plans for the day will be announced to-morrow morning. The Senate then adjourned.

SAYS REGULATION OF RATES IS A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

J. L. Minnis of St. Louis, in Wash-
ington on Naturalization Fraud Cases,
Will Visit the President.

Washington, Jan. 4.—J. L. Minnis of St. Louis, who is here in the Dolan-Barrett-Garrett naturalization fraud cases, called upon Secretary of State Root today and talked of Missouri matters. He will call on the President to-morrow.
He is much interested in the proposed plan to regulate railroad rates by extending the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission to include that function. "I think," said he, "that this will prove a difficult problem for Congress to handle. The fixing of a railroad rate seems to me to be an arbitrary question, and not one for which a basis of computation can be defined."

"To enable the commission to say what rates shall obtain is to enable it to fix the equivalent of taking over, the lines."

"I do not think it is the intention of Congress to go so far, and yet, I think that when Congress investigates the question they will find that this would be the effect of legislation as it is now suggested."

St. Louis Man Weds Sedalia Girl.
REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Sedalia, Mo., Jan. 4.—Mr. Robert C. Babcock of St. Louis and Miss Hilda Babcock of this city were married this evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Babcock.

MINORITY USES LARGE PATRONAGE

Democrats With Aid of Twelve
Republicans Defeat the Usual
Pay-Roll Resolution.

MINORITY GETS ITS QUOTA.

Stormy Scenes Immediately After
Organization of Illinois House
Destroy All Hope of Peace-
ful Session.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—Edward D. Shurtleff, Republican, occupied the Speaker's chair sufficiently long to have the seat warmed before the Illinois House of Representatives was in an uproar, with strenuous cries of "Roll call" filling the chamber and the whacks of the gavel in the hands of the Speaker, the entire Republican caucus state went through without a slip.

The row which marked the opening day of the session and dispelled all the hopes of harmony that have been treasured in the breasts of friends of the new State administration as the morning dawned before the sunrise over the padded-pay-roll proposition.
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Other charges were made touching upon the character of the House and a representative of the league is on the ground to see that the Representatives who were induced by the league do not fall by the way side.

In spite of this the Republican caucus yesterday refused to consider an investigation of the pay roll and prepared the resolution which was introduced at this session this afternoon and defeated. The vote was seventy-six yeas and seventy-nays, and to have been successful must have reached a two-thirds vote of the House.

The session started when Henry Mitchell of Cook County introduced a resolution providing that the House consider no additional employment unless it had been first acted upon by the Committee on Contingent Expenses and, in case they should report such a resolution favorably, that a roll call must be had.

TRAUTMANN AS FLOOR LEADER.
Mr. Trautmann, who is the Republican floor leader, moved the resolution which was referred to the Committee on Contingent Expenses when appointed, and the first official act of Speaker Shurtleff was to put it through. The resolution was carried, but the Democrats started down the line, and the roll call was not had.

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Mob Threatens William Simons,
a Negro Criminal.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Charley, Ill., Jan. 4.—The prompt and determined action of officers here this afternoon probably saved the life of William Simons, a negro, who, it is alleged, shot and killed John McAllister, also a negro, last Friday morning.

Simons was a well-known convict, and this morning Captain Linta of the Chester Post-Bentley arrived to take Simons back. En route to the depot the father of the dead man attempted to assault Simons.
At the depot, however, McAllister made an attempt to kill the prisoner. Sheriff Hagen and his men, who were on duty, saw the attempt and Simons was locked in the telegraph office, which was closed.

By the time the train arrived several hundred people had assembled, many of whom were negroes. Sheriff Hagen announced that he would shoot the first man that attempted to molest his prisoner. This was the desired effect of quelling the disturbance.
Simons was then taken away in safety. He will be brought back in the morning.

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Executive Committee Meets.
The Executive Committee of the Business Men's League held its last meeting prior to the general annual meeting, at the Mercantile Club last night. Final arrangements were made for the annual meeting, which will take place January 17. Nominations for officers and directors were discussed and lists made for presentation to the members.

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ILLINOIS HOUSE EFFECTS PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Shurtleff Takes Speaker's Chair, and Entire Republican Slate Is
Successful—Clock Is Turned Back Forty-Five Minutes Because of Delay of Train Bearing Chief Justice Ricks, Who Administers Official Oaths—Vote on All Questions Stands Ninety to Fifty-Seven—Representative Tippet Nominated for Minority Speakership Honors.

DEMOCRATS THE VICTORS IN STUFFED PAY ROLL SKIRMISH.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—Not without a hint of the bitter taste which has been left in the mouths of some of those most deeply interested in the late speakership fight, and a decided hint as to the course which is to be pursued by the members of the House, the entire Republican caucus state went through without a slip.

As had been forecasted by the actions of the caucus, Representative Shurtleff of McHenry County was elevated to the chair of the Speaker, and the entire Republican caucus state went through without a slip.

The usual speeches in nomination of the candidates for temporary and permanent Speaker filled the atmosphere with eloquence and the presentation of the official caucuses of Governor Yates was made after the skirmish in which victory settled upon the banners of the minority on the stuffed-pay-roll argument.

CHIEF JUSTICE DELAYED.
High noon arrived to find the Secretary of State, James A. Rose, who calls the House to order, out on a skirmish after Chief Justice James H. Ricks of the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice had been to Taylorville at his home. He was to return on the train which arrives in Springfield at 11 o'clock, but this morning the engine broke down at Pana, and while the members waited about the chairs a special engine was hurried to Taylorville to bring in the Chief Justice, without whom there was nothing doing in a legislative way until he had administered the oath of office.

The clock was turned back forty-five minutes and the Chief Justice arrived at 11:45. In the meantime the members were discussing events and the Chief Justice was arriving every once in a while for some favorite Republican.

The Chairman of St. Clair County was the recipient of the most gorgeous and elaborate offerings, among which was a great bunch of American beauties from the East St. Louis Lodge of Elks, of which he is the exalted ruler.

When the delayed clock reached the hour of 12 o'clock, the Chief Justice mounted the rostrum and banged twice with gavel, and the wheels had been officially set in motion.

PRAYER IS OFFERED.
The members arose while the Reverend D. G. Bradford offered prayer. John Reeve, the veteran clerk, called the roll and found that there were two absent—Mr. Hulse of Carlinville and Mr. Johnston of Peoria. Mr. Reeve then read the roll and the members arose while the Reverend D. G. Bradford offered prayer.

All of them stood and repeated, phrase by phrase, the oath which they had sworn to at the time of their election. The Chief Justice then introduced the members of the minority, and they were greeted by the members of the majority.

The selection of a temporary Speaker was in order, and Mr. Shurtleff of McHenry County was nominated by the majority, and Mr. McGorby of Cook County was nominated by the minority.

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TO REDUCE OR ABOLISH PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

Lessening of Number Rather Than
Doing Away With Body Favored
by Administration.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Reduction of the personnel of the Panama Canal Commission rather than the complete abolishment of the commission is the plan which will probably be adopted if the ideas of high officials of the administration, including influential members of the Senate and House, are followed.
That the present commission is hampered by numbers is generally admitted. It is declared that the machinery would move more speedily and with far less friction if the commission consisted of five members, instead of seven, and some officials go so far as to favor a commission composed of only three men.

Regarding the authority to be vested in the members of the canal, it is the opinion of officials high in authority that, while the engineers should be given great latitude, and much should be left to their own discretion, they should in the main be a consulting and advisory body, and that the commission should reserve to itself executive powers.

How these ideas take effect or how radically they may be adopted is problematical. Representative Mann of Illinois, a member of the House Committee on Finance and Foreign Commerce, today introduced a bill repealing the Panama Canal Commission, and providing for the extension of the President's authority to employ such persons with such official designation as he may deem necessary, until such time as Congress may otherwise direct, and is authorized to fix the compensation until reauthorized.

In effect the bill permits the President to perform through persons he may designate the duties now performed by the Canal Commission.

Cassett in N. Y. N. E. & H.
New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—The report that President A. J. Cassett of the Pennsylvania Railroad has been elected a director of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, was officially confirmed by President Cassett.

Republic Special.
Denison, Tex., Dec. 4.—A very disastrous drought prevails in this section, and winter wheat and barley crops are seriously injured. Thousands of fruit trees have been recently cut and are dead and dying. Stock water is very scarce.

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